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CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,
Richmond, Va., Sept. 28, 1863.

The congress of the Confederate States will meet on the 1st Monday in December. Rigid examinations into the administration of the conscription laws by the agencies of this bureau will be ordered.

The minutest information will be demanded.

Circulars have been issued, calling for reports from commandants concerning various specific matters, and on the general subjects of their duties.

Inspecting officers have been sent to investigate the condition of the commands, and the results of the operations within them, and as far as practicable to ascertain and remedy defects which may exist either in the system or its administration.

Up to this time the returns of such information as has been called for by this bureau, and will be demanded by congress, have been extremely meagre.

In view of the grave public interest dependent on accurate information relative to matters entrusted to this bureau, the Superintendent now requires of the commandants of conscripts of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, as early as practicable, and not later than the first day of November, to make full and minute reports concerning all matters submitted to them since the first of May 1863.

Care will be used to embody these reports in plain and easily intelligible forms, suitable for reference to and file in the War Department; and copies will be kept for future current additions or emendations. Attention is called to the matter.

I. Number of exemptions under the law, and the number of each class, with their localities.

II. Number of details, and the purposes of the details.

III. The police and production of the country, and the number of

exemptions granted connected with these purposes, and the number of overseers exempted on payment of the tax.

IV. The matter of circulars 11th and 19th August and 5th September 1863.

V. A full report of substitutes received at camps of instruction.

VI. How many conscripts have been enrolled, how many exempted, the causes of exemption, and how many have been placed in the field.

VII. Exact condition of the service, embracing names, rank of officers, and number of persons engaged on conscript service, and the arrest of absentees, &c.

The Superintendent expresses full confidence in the diligence, ability, intelligence and patriotism of commandants, and cannot too strongly impress upon them the importance to the public service of their earnest attention to the matter of this circular. Much is left to their discretion, and it is hoped they will execute the duty without the necessity of further instruction.

By command of Col. Jno. S. Preston.

P. N. PAGE,
A. A. General.

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